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SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM : இந்த பிர்க்காக்களிலேயுள்ள குளங்களுக்காவது தண்ணீர் விடுவதற்கு ஏதாவது பரிசீலனை செய்யப்படுமா ?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : குளங்கள் உயர்ந்த ஸ்தலத்தில் இருப்பதால் தண்ணீர் விட முடிவதில்லை என்று ஏற்கனவே முடிவு பண்ணியிருக்கிறார்கள்.

*Slum Clearance Schemes*

* 278 Q.—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal either with the Government or the City Improvement Trust to improve the Venkatapuram slum next to "Raj Bhavan" in Madras City ;

(b) what is the sort of improvement that is proposed for this slum ; and

(c) how many residents in that slum would be allowed to stay in the same area and how many would be shifted to other areas?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) There is a proposal to improve the Venkatapuram slum near Raj Bhavan, Guindy. The Chairman, City Improvement Trust, is formulating a scheme for the purpose.

(b) It is proposed to improve the slum area by providing roads, light, water-supply, etc., and parcel it out into open plots for allotment to the residents of the slum area.

(c) According to the social survey conducted by the City Improvement Trust, there are about 210 families in the slum. It is proposed to rehabilitate all the slum dwellers in the existing slum area itself.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : The statistics were collected six months ago. Are the Government aware of the fact that since then 100 more families have sprung up in that area knowing pretty well that the City Improvement Trust is going to improve the area? What steps will the Government take to rehouse them and in case they are to be shifted where will they be shifted?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : If new people have come in, they will be ejected.

*Slum Improvement Scheme*

* 279 Q.—SRI S. LAZAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) the amount allotted this year for slum improvement;

(b) the municipalities to which Slum Improvement Scheme has been extended during the current year; and

(c) the amounts allotted to these municipalities?

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THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) A sum of Rs. 60 lakhs has been allotted for slum clearance and improvement work during 1959–60.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards has been asked to send up concrete proposals for the improvement and clearance of slums in major municipal towns in the districts at a cost of Rs. 32.49 lakhs. No allotment has been made to any municipal town so far as the proposals called for have not yet been received.

MR. SPEAKER : The next two questions also are on slums. They may also be answered.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I will answer question Nos. 280 and 282, as they are general questions. No. 281 relates to a particular slum.

*Slum Improvement Scheme*

* 280 *Q.*—SRI S. LAZAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any amount has been allotted to Tiruchirappalli Town under Slum Improvement Scheme; and

(*b*) if so, the amount?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clauses (*b*) and (*c*) of question No. 279 given notice of by himself.

*Slum Clearance Scheme*

* 282 *Q.*—SRI S. LAZAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether there is a proposal to extend the Slum Clearance Act to the mufassal towns and the towns to which Slum Clearance Scheme has been extended for the current year?

THE HON. R. VENKATARAMAN : It is proposed to undertake comprehensive legislation for the prevention, improvement, and clearance of slums and acquisition of lands for the purpose, which will extend throughout the State. But the Slum Clearance Scheme of the Government of India is applicable to all slum areas, rural or urban. However, in view of the magnitude of the problem and the limited resources available, the implementation of the schemes was till recently confined to Madras City. It has now been decided to extend the scheme to mufassal areas also Concrete proposals called for from the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards have not yet been received.

SRI. S. LAZAR : திட்டங்கள் இன்ஸ்பெக்டர் ஆப் லோகல் போர்ட்ஸ் அண்டு முனிசிபல் கவுன்ஸிலிடமிருந்து வரவில்லை என்று சொன்னார்கள். சீக்கிரமே வரவழைப்பதற்கு என்ன ஏற்பாடுகள் செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன? இந்த ஆண்டிலேயே இந்தத் திட்டம் பூராவும் நிறைவேற்றுவதற்கான நடவடிக்கையை இந்த அரசாங்கம் எடுத்துள்ளதா?